



# North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



# 2014 Growth Management Legislation



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# Overview

- ❑ Utility Relocation  
Senate Bill 218
- ❑ Comprehensive Plan Amendment Referendum  
Senate Bill 374
- ❑ Economic Development & Development Permits  
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# Utility Relocation

## Senate Bill 218

### Regarding interference caused by a utility :

- In all counties, Florida Department of Transportation assumes the cost of utility relocation in transportation right-of-way for any county/municipal utility installed to serve a county/municipal facility.

# Utility Relocation

## Senate Bill 218

### Regarding interference caused by a utility :

- ❑ In rural area of economic opportunity counties, Florida Department of Transportation may pay, in whole or in part, the cost of utility work necessitated by a Department project.

# Utility Relocation

## Senate Bill 218

### Regarding Small County Outreach Program:

- ❑ A municipality within a rural area of economic opportunity or a rural area of economic opportunity community may compete for additional project funding at up to 100 percent of project costs, excluding capacity improvement projects using the following criteria:
  - ❑ The physical condition of the road as measured by the Department;
  - ❑ Whether a road is used as an evacuation route;
  - ❑ Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel;

# Utility Relocation

## Senate Bill 218

### Regarding Small County Outreach Program (continued):

- ❑ Whether a road is considered a major arterial route;
- ❑ Whether a road is considered a feeder road;
- ❑ Information as evidenced to the Department through an established pavement management plan; and
- ❑ Other criteria related to the impact of a project on the public road system or on the state or local economy as determined by the Department.

# Comprehensive Plan Amendment Referendum Senate Bill 374

- ❑ Removes the requirement that the local initiative or referendum be related to a comprehensive plan or map amendment affecting more than five parcels of land.
- ❑ Clarifies that certain cities that had specific comprehensive plan initiative and referendum language in their charter before June 1, 2011 may retain the referendum process.

# Economic Development

## House Bill 7023

- ❑ Changes “rural areas of critical economic concern” to “rural areas of opportunity” throughout Florida Statutes.

### Regarding Development Permits:

- ❑ Provides an additional two-year permit extension and renewal to building permits, Florida Department of Environmental Protection or Water Management District permits that have an expiration date from 1/1/2014 through 1/1/2016, and includes any local government issued development order and certificates of level of service.
- ❑ Extension is in addition to any existing permit extension.
- ❑ Extensions granted pursuant to this bill and those since 2009, may not exceed 4 years in total.

# Economic Development

## House Bill 7023

### Regarding Development Permits (continued):

- ❑ Commencement and completion dates for any required mitigation associated with a phased construction project are extended so that mitigation takes place in same timeframe relative to phase as originally permitted.
- ❑ Requires holder of valid permit to notify in writing the authorizing agency by December 31, 2014 their intention to use the two-year permit extension.

# Economic Development

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### Regarding Development Permits (continued):

- ❑ Permit extension does not apply to the following:
  - ❑ Permit or other authorization under any programmatic or regional general permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
  - ❑ Permit or other authorization held by an owner or operator determined to be in significant noncompliance with the conditions of the permit.
  - ❑ Permit or other authorization, if granted an extension that would delay or prevent compliance with a court order.

# Economic Development

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### Regarding Development Permits (continued):

- ❑ Permits extended under this section shall continue to be governed by rules in effect at the time the permit was issued unless it is demonstrated that the rules in effect at the time the permit was issued would create an immediate threat to public safety or health.

# Economic Development

## House Bill 7023

### Regarding Development Permits (continued):

- ❑ Section does not impair the authority of a county or municipality to require owner of a property who has received an extension to maintain and secure the property in a safe and sanitary condition in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.

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